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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Applicant's election with traverse of Group I claims, claims 1-9 and 13 in Paper No. 9 is acknowledged. However, applicant in the in the response filed June 6, 2002 does not completely response the communication mailed by the examiner on December 7, 2001. In the communication, particularly page 4, the examiner states:

**Sequence Rules**

This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence.

**Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete or the response would be considered as non-responsive.**

Thus, applicant response lacking a response to the requirement of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 for the reason(s), as set forth on the attached Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence, is non-responsive.

At the time the examiner was preparing this letter, 10/31/02, the examiner call attorney Ann Hobbs, to inform applicant that the sequence rules need to be corrected. Applicant acknowledged the call and will correct the issue of the sequence rules.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the

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omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE TO THE EXTENT THAT THE STATUTORY PERIOD DOES NOT EXPIRE FROM THE APPROVED RESET MAILING DATE OF JANUARY 4, 20002. Thus, it appears that applicant must respond to this non-responsive letter ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this non-responsive letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications regarding the formalities should be directed to Patent Analyst Dianiece Jacobs, whose telephone number is (703) 305-3388.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner *Dave Nguyen* whose telephone number is (703) 305-2024.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, *Deborah Reynolds*, may be reached at (703) 305-4051.

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center number is (703) 305-7401.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the *Group receptionist* whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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